

SEC. 7. AWARDS FOR PERSONNEL FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ACQUISITION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall develop policy and guidance for agencies to develop a program to recognize excellent performance by Federal Government employees and teams of such employees in the acquisition of information systems and information technology for the agency.

(b) *ELEMENTS.*—The program referred to in subsection (a) shall, to the extent practicable—
(1) obtain objective outcome measures; and
(2) include procedures for—

(A) the nomination of Federal Government employees and teams of such employees for eligibility for recognition under the program; and
(B) the evaluation of nominations for recognition under the program by 1 or more agency panels of individuals from government, academia, and the private sector who have such expertise, and are appointed in such a manner, as the Director of the Office of Personal Management shall establish for purposes of the program.

(c) *AWARD OF CASH BONUSES AND OTHER INCENTIVES.*—As part of the program referred to in subsection (a), the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall establish policies and guidance for agencies to reward any Federal Government employee or teams of such employees recognized pursuant to the program—

(1) by awarding a cash bonus authorized by any other provision of law to the extent that the performance of such individual so recognized warrants the award of such bonus under such provision of law;
(2) through promotions and other nonmonetary awards;

(3) by publicizing acquisition accomplishments by individual employees and, as appropriate, the tangible end benefits that resulted from such accomplishments; and
(4) through other awards, incentives, or bonuses that the head of the agency considers appropriate.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be considered; that a Carper-Collins amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; that the committee substitute, as amended, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4147) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")
The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 920), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 534, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 534) expressing support for designation of May 1, 2010, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 534) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 534

Whereas the Senate has always honored the sacrifices made by the wounded and ill members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas the Silver Star Service Banner has come to represent the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in the wars fought by the United States;

Whereas the Silver Star Families of America was formed to help the American people remember the sacrifices made by the wounded and ill members of the Armed Forces by designing and manufacturing Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags for that purpose;

Whereas the sole mission of the Silver Star Families of America is to evoke memories of the sacrifices of members and veterans of the Armed Forces on behalf of the United States through the presence of a Silver Star Service Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying;

Whereas the sacrifices of members and veterans of the Armed Forces on behalf of the United States should never be forgotten; and

Whereas May 1, 2010, is an appropriate date to designate as "Silver Star Service Banner Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates May 1, 2010, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day" and calls upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

HONORING THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 535, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 535) honoring the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, for his service to the people of Mexico, and welcoming the President to the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action

or debate, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 535) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 535

Whereas the relationship between the people and Governments of the United States and Mexico is based on trust, mutual respect, and cultural exchanges that have enriched both nations;

Whereas our two nations share not just a border, but also common values and common aspirations;

Whereas millions of Americans proudly claim Mexican ancestry, and the United States is home to the world's second largest Mexican community;

Whereas, when the American people look to their south, they see not only a neighbor, but an ally and a friend;

Whereas mutual interests, including border security, economic prosperity, and clean energy, rely on the continuing development and deepening of the United States-Mexico relationship;

Whereas drug trafficking and related violence has taken a significant toll on both countries, resulting in the deaths of more than 22,000 people in Mexico in the last 3 years, including a number of law enforcement agents and public officials, highlighting the enormous problem of illegal drug use and gang violence in America;

Whereas the Governments of Mexico and the United States have worked together under the principle of shared responsibility to address this scourge through the Merida Initiative and through programs such as cooperative intelligence, border security, and anti-corruption efforts and efforts to stop the flow of weapons and illicit money from the United States into Mexico; and

Whereas the future security and prosperity of both nations depends on our continuing ability to work together in the spirit of our common values and long friendship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) warmly welcomes the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon Hinojosa;

(2) believes that together, the Governments of Mexico and the United States can bring immense benefits to their people and make enormous contributions to addressing the global challenges of the 21st century;

(3) looks forward to the continuing progress in relations between the Governments and people of Mexico and the United States; and

(4) appreciates the social, economic, and cultural contributions of the Mexican community in the United States and desires closer relations between the people of the United States and the people of Mexico.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, that was my resolution, so I am glad it passed unanimously.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 20; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be